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SUBJECT: JORGE MONTES PRISONER EXCHANGE

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1. SANTIAGO PRESS GAVE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO THE
JUNE 18 RELEASE OF CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCCH) EX-SENATOR
JORGE MONTES, IN EXCHANGE FOR 11 GDR POLITICAL PRISONERS.
MONTES WAS THE LAST DETAINEE EITHER ACKNOWLEDGED OR KNOWN TO BE
HELD BY THE GOC WITHOUT CHARGE UNDER STATE OF SIEGE AUTHORITY.

2. GOC SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL HERNAN
BEJARES, IN ANNOUNCING THE RELEASE ON JUNE 18, RECALLED
THAT WHEN THE CORVALAN/BUKOVSKY EXCHANGE OCCURRED IN
MID-DECEMBER THE GOC OFFERED TO RELEASE MONTES IF CUBA
RELEASED HUBERT MATOS. BEJARES NOTED THAT THE CUBANS
IGNORED THE GOC INITIATIVE BUT THE GOC DECIDED TO RELEASE
MONTES ANYWAY, AS "A CONCRETE DISPLAY OF ITS RESPECT FOR
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTY." BEJARES CALLED ON THE
USSR AND CUBA TO DO LIKEWISE, OR TO AT LEAST PERMIT VISITS
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TO "THE THOUSANDS OF HUMAN BEINGS LONG INCARCERATED, WHOSE
ONLY CRIME HAS BEEN TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY."

3. COMMENT: A CONTINUAL REFRAIN FROM GOC OFFICIALS IS
THAT THE WORLD INVARIABLY FAILS TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT
ANY CREDIT FOR POSITIVE STEPS. WITH THE FREEING OF MONTES
THE CHILEANS NOW HAVE RID THEMSELVES OF ALL GOC ACKNOWLEDGED OR

KNOWN PREVENTIVE DETENTION CASES. THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS
FULFILLED, EVEN EXCEEDED, PROMISES MADE IN THE PAST REGARDING
DETAINEE RELEASES. WE HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE APPROP-
RIATE NOTE IN CONTACTS WITH AMBASSADOR CAUAS AND OTHERS.
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